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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 25, 2003 (Paper No. 31). A petition for a one month extension of time and fee therefore is submitted with this response to render it timely. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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